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In re Application of: Cindy A. Wright
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For: **CLOTHING HANGER STABILIZER**

Examiner: James G. Smith
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Responsive to the final Office Action mailed August 28, 2003, Applicant submits the following reply thereto. In addition, please provide a one-month Extension of Time up to and including December 28, 2003 to answer the Office Action as provided for in 37 CFR 1.136. A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed.

If any additional fees for the accompanying response are required, Applicant requests that this be considered a Petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account 09-0528.

Remarks

Claims 1-12 remain in the case. Claims 1-5 stand rejected. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3 and 6-10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Franklin (U.S. Patent No. 5,180,057). Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious in view of Franklin. Claims 11 and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the based claim and any intervening claims. Applicant is filing a Request For Continued Examination herewith and, therefore, requests that the objections to claims 11 and 12 be held in abeyance.

The Examiner's Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) Should Be Withdrawn

Claim 1 is directed to a device for supporting and stabilizing a clothing hanger so that a user employing only one extremity can position a hanger thereon for hanging or removing an